

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-14 were presented. Claims 1 and 9 are canceled, and claims 4-9 and 12-14 are amended. Claims 2-8 and 10-14 are now pending.

Allowed Claims

The allowance of claims 2, 3, 10 and 11 is noted and appreciated.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

Claims 1, 4-6, 9 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Hwang (US 6,455,408) in view of Hsuan (US 6,166,444). Claims 7 and 8 are rejected as obvious over Hwang and Hsuan in view of Farnworth (US 6,767,817). In response, claims 1 and 9 are canceled, without prejudice. Claims 4-8 are amended to depend from allowed claim 2, and claims 12-14 are amended to depend from allowed claim 11. Accordingly, claims 4-8 and 12-14 are now in allowable form.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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